MEMBER : Orders may be issued for taking up steps immediately fo that.

DEWAN : As soon as land is acquired, the P. W. D. will get on with the work. They cannot do it when the land is not handed over to them.

MEMBER : The road from the Quilon-Shencotta road.

DEWAN : All that will be considered afterwards.

MEMBER : Two ferry boats are indispensable.

DEWAN : The Divisional Officer has promised to report after inspection on that. As soon as the Chief Engineer gets the report, he will deal with the matter.

MEMBER : Nothing has been said about the hospital.

DEWAN : The Administrative Board do not consider that it is necessary at present to raise the Punalur dispensary to a hospital.

MEMBER : An amount has already been sanctioned for constructing a new building for the hospital. But the Public Works Department has asked for more money.

DEWAN : The question of land acquisition has to be settled before the building is taken in hand.

You want lands in the Pathanapuram taluk to be disafforested and made available for registry. I may tell you that there are already 117870 acres of tarisu land available for registry ; while such large extent of tarisu land is available, there is no immediate justification for taking more lands out of the forests.

MEMBER: For that.....

DEWAN : You must take the answers given. You should not cross-question me.

The High Court do not consider it necessary at all to establish a Munsiff's court at Punalur.

The question of a new building for the local Vernacular Middle School is under consideration. At the moment the Director has reported as to the cost of acquiring the site.

You want district officers to spend two days in a month in the Pathanapuram taluk headquarters. I will ask you to count up the number of times the officers have come and visited your place. It is not possible to lay down a hard and fast rule for the district officers to visit any particular taluk for a number of days in a month.

124. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of Changanachery taluk.

MR. SANKARA PILLAI RAMANATHA PILLAI (*Member, Changanachery taluk, Group I*) dealt with the following needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Changanachery taluk.

(*a*) A dispensary at Manimala. There were no hospitals or dispensaries in the pakuthies of Manimala, Vellavoor, Kanjirapally South and Cheruvalli. The nearest hospital was the one at Kanjirapally ten miles away. But on the way to Kanjirapally there were the Manimala river and the Moolaiplakal *todu* which could not be crossed in the rainy season except at great risk. A hospital was therefore necessary at Manimala.

(2) An English High School at Kanjirapally. There were now English Middle Schools at Kanjirapally, Elamkulam, and Manimalai. The nearest High School was at Kottayam twenty-three miles away. The Middle School at Kanjirapally should therefore be converted into a High School.

(3) Construction of a bridge over the Manimala river on the Kanjirapally-Erumeli road and extension of the road from Peroothodu to Sabarimala and thence to the British frontier. The Manimala river became very violent in the rainy season, and it was extremely dangerous to cross the river then. A bridge should therefore

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be put up at Erumeli. The Kanjirapalli-Erumeli road, if extended, would afford a very good access to the Sabarimala temple. It would also serve to open up the mountainous tracts there.

(4) Improvement of the roads from Ponkunnam to Cheruvally and Valakayam to Erumeli. These roads should be improved and made cartable.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sankara Pillai Ramanatha Pillai, a dispensary has been opened at Kuravilangad. Therefore the need for one at Manimala is not very important.

MEMBER: That is very hard.

DEWAN: Don't interrupt me, please.

In any case the question of medical relief at Manimala forms an item in the general scheme of rural medical relief which is under preparation.

The question of raising the English Middle School at Kanjirapalli to a High School has been referred by the Director of Public Instruction to the Inspector.

Sanction has been accorded to the construction of smaller bridges over the Manimala river on the Kanjirapally-Erumeli road. There is a large bridge also the construction of which will be taken up at a later date. You will see from my remarks on a previous representation that there is no need for the extension of the Perootodu road to Sabarimalai and thence to the frontier.

As regards the improvement and conversion of the road from Ponkunnam to Cheruvalli and from Valakayam to Erumeli, neither the traffic nor the condition of the place justifies Government in undertaking the construction of these roads over a difficult and a very steep country. The Chief Engineer states that if the people interested open these roads on a good gradient they could be taken up and improved as they are purely of local importance.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-10 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. on Tuesday the 6th March 1928.

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